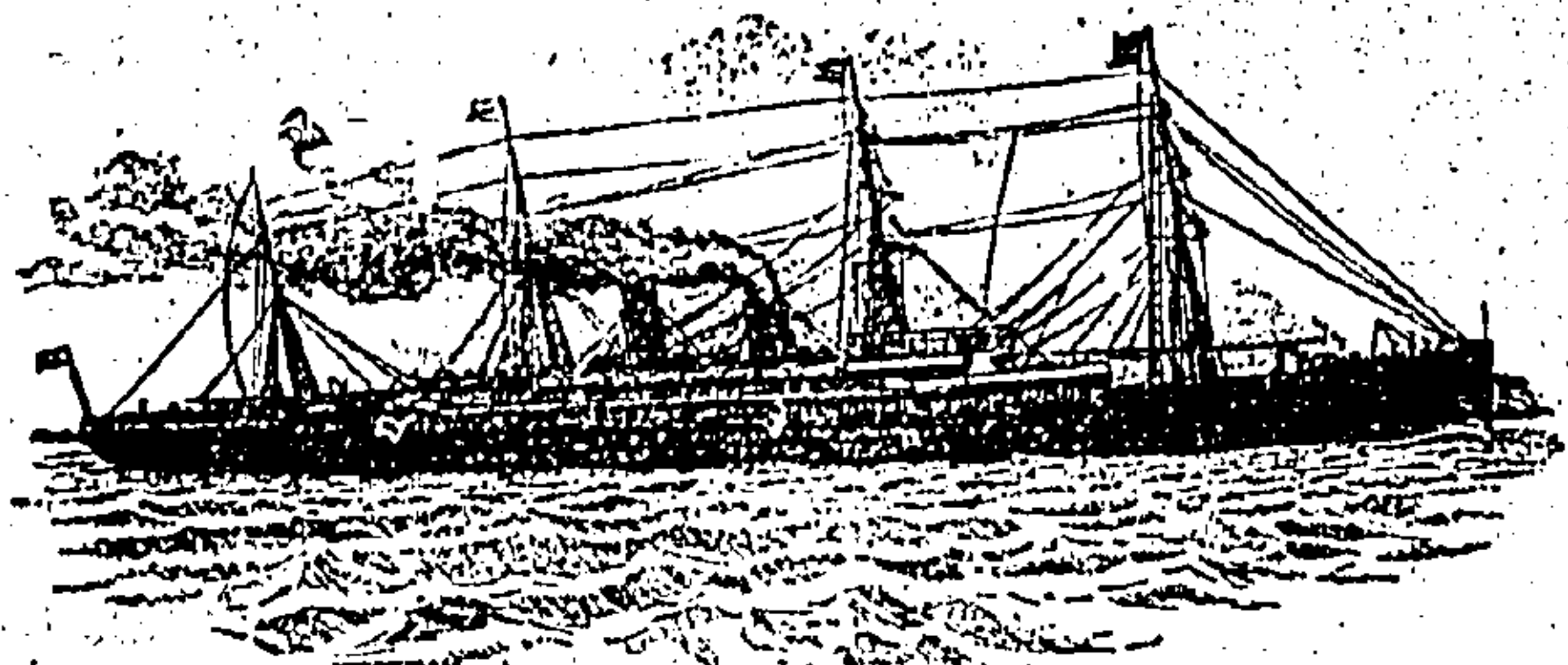


U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE:

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"KOREA"	SUNDAY, 14th December, at Daylight.
"GABLO"	TUESDAY, 23rd December, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DORIO"	SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIERRA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1901; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Daylight, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago, destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100 U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 17th Dec., 1902.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	17th Dec. Freight.
ADRIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	30th Dec. Freight.
STRASSBURG	GENOA and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	31st Dec. Freight.
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	13th Jan. 1903. Freight.
SIERRA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	27th Jan. 1903. Freight and Passengers.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	10th Feb. 1903. Freight and Passengers.
C. FERD. LAISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	24th Feb. 1903. Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902.

Notice of Joint.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my TEMPORARY ABSENCE
from the Colony, Mr. E. W. MAITLAND
will act as SECRETARY of the Company.
By Order of the Board,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [1351d]

Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY,
the 16th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [1352d]

Consignees.

THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, VOKO-
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [874d]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTER-
DAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship.

"NURNBERG."

Captain Jaburg, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 15th instant will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [1348d]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"KONIG ALBERT"

of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.,
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 18th instant will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on THURSDAY, the 18th instant,
at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 22nd
instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [653c]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRASAMHA"

FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their
goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [1357d]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,
NAVAL CONTRACTORS,
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

HARTMANN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY-PAINT
DAILMERS PATENT MOTOR
LAUNCHES, &c.

&c. &c.

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J. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [18]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OCCUPIERS of DOMESTIC BUILD-
INGS are hereby requested to co-operate
with the Board in its efforts to combat PLAGUE
by thoroughly cleansing their Dwellings and
Servants' Quarters between the 15th November
and 15th December next.

After the 15th December, the Board proposes
to strictly enforce the provisions of the bye-laws
governing "Domestic Cleanliness and Ventila-
tion," and the Board will, if on inspection it be
found necessary, direct its officers to cleanse
and disinfect premises under the provisions of
the bye-laws for the "Prevention or Mitiga-
tion of Epidemic, Endemic, or Contagious
Diseases."

By Order of the Board
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,
5th November, 1902. [1183d]

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the
Western Division of the City of Victoria
who have not had their Premises LINE-
WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance
with Law, are reminded that the period during
which this work should be FINISHED ends
on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1902, and the
Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity
of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague,
is determined to rigorously prosecute any
owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1321d]

NOTE.—The Western Division of the City lies
to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

WORKS—Canesway Bay (adjoining
Kennedy's Stables)
TOWN DEPOT—2, Beaconsfield Ar-
cade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European super-
vision, and the objectionable prac-
tices, common to Chinese laundries,
of damping from the mouth and sleeping
on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and
delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms
quoted for Gentlemen. Special terms to fami-
lies on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1308d]

CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL
ACCOUNTS in connection with the
above must be presented to the Undersigned
on or before WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [1324d]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED.

HAVING just received a New Consig-
ment of FRESH AUSTRALIAN
CREAMERY BUTTER, the Company is
now prepared to supply Customers as before.

Price: 90 cents per lb.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [1295d]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER.
It guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,
and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10 per case of 48 bottles (quarts).
Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1902. [1595d]

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BOTTLED BY

NONOBIKI MINERAL WATER CO.,

KOBE, JAPAN.

AND IMPORTED BY

RITCHIE & Co.,

39, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [167d]

DROZ & Co.,
WATCH MANUFACTURERS,
STEAM FACTORY ESTABLISHED 1864,
ST. IMIER, SWITZERLAND.

SPECIALITIES:
LEVER WATCH & CHRONOGRAPHIS,
TRADE MARKS,
MAXIM, BERNA, &c.

REPAIRS OF WATCHES and CLOCKS
by competent European experts at
Moderate Rate.

NO. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1902. [156d]

TAI LOONG.
2 and 3, Lyndhurst Terrace.

NEW Kid Gloves, Fancy Dress Goods,
Capes and Jackets, Flannels and Serges.

Wool Shawls.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1902. [1502d]

Hotels.

GO TO THE

KOWLOON HOTEL,
R. F. DALY, Manager. J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL
OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.

Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

[1339c]

"BOA VISTA," (HOTEL SANITARIUM OF SOUTH CHINA) MACAO.

THE most select Hotel in the Far-East, beautifully situated, over-looking the sea, and
affords comfortable accommodation for travellers.

The strictest supervision as to food and cleanliness is exercised by a European Manager.

Telegraphic Address: "BOA VISTA."

Intimations.

INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH CO.,
VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT
GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,
The Price of which has been reduced to

FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE
FOR SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHOEA, HEMORRHOID and ULCERATION
of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale

THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers)
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898.

WING CHEONG.

DEALERS IN JEWELLERY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS, JADESTONEWARE,
CURIOS, SILKS, CARVED IVORYWARE, AND GRASSCLOTHS,
AND

GENERAL EXPORTERS.

No. 35, Queen's Road Central,
Next Door Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD

FRANCE'S FINANCIAL NEMESIS.

The French budget estimates last year were made to balance with beautiful precision. There was estimated income of 73,554,254,212 francs, which was to exceed the expenditure by the modest sum of 348,650 francs. But towards the year, there was no little anxiety as to the financial situation, and great was the enthusiasm of the Chamber when the Finance Minister pronounced a pompous eulogy upon the policy of the Ministry, claiming that the legislature of 1898-1902 would stand before the country with a surplus of 273,000,000 francs and a notable decrease in the national debt. The Chamber was delighted and voted the ingenious orator the only compliment it can bestow, the plauding of his speech. Still many acute critics were not satisfied, and it was asserted, in authoritative quarters, that so far from showing a surplus, the budget really involved a deficit of 110,000,000 francs. It has fallen to the unfortunate Combes Ministry to reap the whirlwind, where their predecessors sowed the storm, and to be driven to the unpopular course of imposing fresh taxation to meet the enormous deficit now disclosed. Forty millions francs of the total sum is due to remissions of taxes in connection with the Sugar duties, but if we exclude this amount, there remains the startling fact that in a period of profound peace the revenue exceeds the ordinary expenditure by 167 millions of francs. Mrs. Crawford, than whom there is no more acute observer of contemporary French politics, recently expressed her conviction that national bankruptcy would overtake one, or both the partners to the Dual Alliance before their magnificent schemes could be executed. It is towards this goal, certainly, that a course of reckless finance is impelling France.—*Times of India*.

THE P. AND O. COMPANY AND SOUTHAMPTON.

The "Lookout Man" in *Fairplay*, of October 2nd, writes—"The P. and O. Company are having four steamers built on the Clyde and at Belfast, which will be too long to enter the locks of the Royal Albert Dock, and the company have been looking round to see whether it would be to their advantage to send the vessels to the Tilbury Docks, Southampton, or some other place. So far, however, it would appear that nothing has been settled. The fact that the company were making inquiries regarding Southampton has led some paper to assert that the directors have definitely decided to transfer the sailings from London to Southampton. This, I am assured, is not correct, and in any event any decision that might be come in with regard to the large vessels need not affect the whole of the company's boats sailing from London. Should the London and India Docks Company decide to increase the length of the lock at the Royal Albert Dock, the large vessels could be admitted into that dock. The company got powers last year to make a new dock parallel with, and connected with, the Royal Albert Dock, and to provide 10,000 feet of new quay accommodation for vessels, with an entrance to the dock 750 feet long, 80 ft. wide, and 38 ft. deep on the side, and to build a graving dock 750 ft. in length. These improvements, however, will probably not be commenced while there remains any uncertainty as to what the Government may do with regard to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, but I understand that the company have already acquired the necessary land for the operations, or secured options over it. The work of rebuilding the Royal Albert Dock would, no doubt, occupy two or three years."

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS

ON AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

MR. DOOLEY MAKES A FEW REMARKS.

"Was ye ivr in th' pa-pers?" asked Mr. Dooley. "Wanst," said Mr. Hennessy. "But it wasn't me. It was another Minnissy. Was you?" "Manny times," said Mr. Dooley. "Whin I was prom'ent socyally, ye cud hardly pick up a pa-aper without seein' me name in it an' th' amount iv th' fine. Ye must lade a very simple life. Th' newspaper is watchin' most iv us fr'm th' cradle to th' grave, an' before an' after. Whin I was a lad thrippin' continted over th' bogs iv Roscommon, ne'er an iditor knew iv me existence, nor I iv his. Whin anything was wrote about a man 'twas pvt this way: 'We undherstand on good authority that M—chi H—y, Esquire, is on thirle before Judge G—n on an accusation iv l—c—ny. But we don't think it's true.' Nowadays th' larceny is discovered by a newspaper. Th' lead pipe is dug up in ye'r back yard be a rayporter who knew it was there because he helped ye bury it. A man knocks at ye'r dure arlv wan mornin' an' ye answer in ye'r nighty. 'In th' name iv th' law, I arrest ye,' says th' man, seizin' ye be th' throat. 'Who ar-re ye?' ye cry. 'I'm a rayporter fr th' *Daily Sleuth*,' says he. 'Photygrater, do ye'r jooty!' Ye'r hauled off in th' circylation waggon to th' newspaper office, where a con-fession is ready fr ye to sign; ye'r thried be a jury iv th' staff, sintinced be th' iditor-in-chief, an' at tin o'clock Friday th' fatal thrap is sprung be th' fatal thrap iv th' family journal.

"Th' newspaper does ivrything fr us. It runs the polis force an' th' banks, commands th' milshy, controls th' L'gislature, baptises th' young, marries th' foolish, comforts th' afflicted, afflicts th' comfortable, buries th' dead, an' roasts thim aftherward. They ain't anything it don't turn its hand to, fr'm explainin' th' docthrin' iv th'rasubstantiation to composin' saleratus biskit. Ye can get anny kind iv information ye want to in ye'r favorite newspaper about ye'rself or annywan else. What th' Tsar whispered to th' Imp'ror William whin they were alone, how to make a silk hat out iv a wire matress, how to settle th' coal strike, who to marry, how to get on with ye'r wife, w'in ye'r married, what to feed th' babies, what doctor to call whin ye've fed thim as directed—all iv that ye'll find in th' pa-pers.

"They used to say a man's life was a closed book. So it is, but it's an open newspaper. Th' eye iv th' press is on ye before ye begin to take notice. Th' editor observes th' stork hoverin' over th' roof iv 29784. Ar-rchey Road, an' th' article he writes about it has a wink in it. 'Son-an-th' arives fr th' Hon'able Malachi Minnissy,' says th' pa-aper, before ye've finished th' drink with th' doctor. An' afther that th' history iv th' off-spring's life is found in th' press.

"It is undershtud that there is much excitement in th' Minnissy family over namin' th' lates' sign. Misher Minnissy wishes it called Patrick M'Glue, afther an uncle iv his, an' Mrs. Minnissy is in favour iv namin' it Alfonso, afther a Pullman car she seen wan day. Th' *Avenir Fluff* offers a prize iv thirty dollars fr th' bes' name fr this progeny. Maiden ladies will limit their letters to three hundred wurrds."

"Above is a snap-shot iv young Alfonsoita M'Glue Minnissy, taken on his second birthday, with his nurse, Miss Angybel Blim, th' well-

COTTAM & CO. FOR TRESS'S STRAW

known special nurse iv th' *Avenir Fluff*. At th' time th' photy-graft was taken th' infant was about to bite Miss Blim, whin accounts fr th' agnysed expression on that gifted writer's face. Th' *Avenir Fluff* sought a prize iv four dollars to th' best answer to th' question 'What does th' baby think iv Miss Blim?' "Young Alf Minnissy was seven years of yesterday. A rayporter iv th' *Fluff*, sought him out an' indeavourd to interview him on th' Nicaragooan, th' fam' al Roomanyan Jews, th' thairin' an' th' thurst. Th' comin' statesman rayfused to be drawn on these questions, his answer bein' a ready 'Go chaste ye, ersilf ye big stiff!' After a day-lightful conversation th' rayporter left, bein' followed to th' gate be his jaial young host, who hit him smartly in th' back with a brock. 'He is a chip iv th' ool' block'.

"Grotton, Conn., April 1.—Ye'r rayporter was privileged to see th' oldest son iv th' Hon'able Malachi Minnissy started at this siminary fr th' idjagation iv young Englishmen bor-n in America. Th' heir iv th' Minnissys was ontherdath th' intillectchoolclusiveschoolthirty years before he was bor-n. Owin' to th' uncertainty iv his ancestors, he was also ontherd at Vassar. Th' young fellow took alively interest in th' school. Th' above photygrat riprints him mathriculatin'. Th' figures at th' foot ar-re Misher an' Mrs. Minnissy. Those at th' head ar-re Professor Peabody Plantagenet, presidint iv th' instichoon, an' Officer Michael H. Rafferty. Young Minnissy will remain here till he has a good cockin' idjastin'."

"Ex-thery Red Speshul Midnight Edition.—Mumps! Mumps! Mumps! Th' heir iv th' Minnissy stricken with th' turble scourage. Pani on th' Stock Exchange. Betrayed father sta iv th' plague spot to see his stricken Photygrafs iv Young Minnissy at wan, two, three, eight, an' tin. Photygrafs iv th' house where his father was born, his mother, his aunt, his uncle, Professor Plantagenet, Gron School, th' Gov'nor iv Connecticut, Chansy Depoo, Statue iv Liberty, Thomas Jefferson, Niagara Falls be moonlight. Diagram iv jaw an' head, showin' th' proble coarse iv th' Mumpococcus. Interviews with J. Pierpont Morgan, Terry Gov'nor, Mary McLain, Javay Mitchell, whin J. Gage th' Prince iv Wales, Sinitor Bivridge, th' Earl iv Rosslyn, an' Chief Divy on Mumps. We offer a prize iv thirly million dollars in advertisement pace fr a cure fr th' mumps that will save th' nation's pride.—Later: It's croup."

"An' so it goes. We march through life, an' behind us marches th' photygrat an' th' rayporter. There are no such things as private citizens. No matter how private a man may be, no matter how secretly he steals; some day his pitcher will be in the pa-aper along with Fitzsimmons' fightin' face. He can't get away fr'm it. An' I'll say this fr him, he don't want to. He wants to see what bid' th' neighbours are doin', an' he wants thim to see what good he's doin'. He gets fifty per cent iv his wish, an' more. A man keeps his front window shade up to th' peepers can c me along an' make a pitcher iv him settin' in his illigant furnished parlor readin' the life iv Dwight L. Moody to his family. An' th' lad with th' photygrat happens along at th' moment whin he is batin' 'is wife. If we wasn't so anxious to see our names among those prisint at th' ball, we wudden't get into th' pa-pers so often as among those that ought to be prisint in th' dock. A man takes his photygrat to th' idior, an' says he: 'Me attination has been called to th' fact that ye'd like to print this mug iv a prom'ent philanthropist,' an' th' idior don't use it till he's robbed a bank. Ivrybody is intrested in what ivrybody else is doin' that wrong. That's what makes th' newspapers. An' as this is a dimmycratic counthry, where ivryday was bor-n akel to ivrybody else, even if they soon outgrow it, an' where wan man's as good as another, an' as bad, all iv us has a good chans to have his name get in at laste wanst a year. Some goes in at Mrs. Baster's dinner an' some as victims iv a throlley car, but ivrybody lands at last. They'll get ye afther awhile, Minnissy. They'll print ye'r pitcher. But only wanst. A newspaper is to intertain, not to teach a moral lesson."

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BEER.—**A**KS for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER
G. Girault.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Venezuelan Difficulty.

LONDON, December 11th.

Violent demonstrations took place at Caracas on Tuesday evening on receipt of the news from La Guaira. The crowd burned the British and German flags, and attempted to burst open the doors of the German legation, shouting death to the Germans. The police did not interfere. The Venezuelan Government has placed an embargo on the British and German railways. General Castro has proclaimed an amnesty, and has called all Venezuelans to arms. Mr. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, is representing British and German interests, and he has obtained the release of the principal British and German prisoners, and is insisting on the release of the remainder.

The Venezuelan Affair.

LATER.

The Venezuelan warships, with the exception of one which is claimed as French property, have been sunk.

General Ferrer with 1,200 Venezuelans is marching on La Guaira.

General Castro has issued a manifesto describing the act of the allies as barbarous, ignominious, and treacherous, and has summoned all the states to join in defending the sacred soil.

Siam and the Gold Standard.

Tokio 10th November.

Mr. Inagaki, the Japanese Minister of Bangkok, telegraphs that the Siam Government issued an order on the 26th inst. prohibiting the free coinage of silver preparatory to the adoption of the gold standard.

THE MOSQUITO QUESTION.

D. THOMPSON'S LETTER.

Regarding Dr. Thompson's letter dealing on the mosquitoes infesting MacDonnell Road district, which was considered at the Sanitary Board meeting and which we published in extenso last evening, the President said that the Sanitary Board was concerned only as regards the fumigation of servants' quarters, etc., within the area prescribed in Dr. Thompson's letter. The tenants had all been written to, and had agreed to the proposition.

Mr. Fung Wa Chün:—There are plenty of nullahs not drained in MacDonnell Road.

Colonel Hughes:—Yes, plenty.

Mr. Fung Wa Chün:—I think I am right in saying that a certain sum was voted at the Council for the draining of these nullahs. I see that it has not been done yet?

The President thought Dr. Thompson's letter should be sent to the Governor, and made public through the *Government Gazette*. To this Mr. Osborne objected, and said "I propose that the letter, which is of public interest, be published in the three local papers."

Mr. Lau Chu Pak seconded, and the proposition was carried.

ADMISSION OF A NEW COUNSEL.

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

At the Supreme Court this morning before the commencement of the regular business, the Attorney General, Mr. H. Spencer Berkeley, introduced to His Lordship Sir W. M. Goodman, Mr. Francis Oswald Edlin, who has arrived in the Colony to practice at the bar.

Sir Henry said the new counsel was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of England in March 1882, and called to the bar, Middle Temple, in 1890. In October 1895 he was appointed District Commissioner of Gold Coast, and was Crown Prosecutor on two occasions, 1895-1896, and Acting Puisne Judge in 1897. In December 1897, Mr. Edlin was made Queen's Advocate at Lagos, and in the following year he was appointed, by Sir H. McCallum, to examine into the trade of the colony. For eight months, in 1899, he was Acting Chief Justice and was also once engaged in the administration of the Government of Lagos, and for a time acted as deputy for the Governor. From Lagos, Mr. Edlin went to F. J. and in 1900 officiated as Attorney General and in 1901 was made Chief Justice of that colony.

His Lordship then directed that Mr. Edlin be admitted and enrolled accordingly, and congratulated him on becoming a member of the bar. He said that with his wide experience, he was a distinct acquisition to the local bar, and wished him a prosperous career.

CLAIM FOR \$16,000.

LI PING V. CHUN TONG.

The interesting case which opened at the Supreme Court yesterday was continued to-day before His Honour Chief Justice Sir William Meigh Goodman. The plaintiff claims from the defendant \$16,000 damages for having taken away stones from his quarry at Matakoko. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. B. Deane (solicitor) again appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, solicitor), for the defendant.

Further evidence was taken and the Court adjourned.

CRICKET.

A cricket match is proceeding as we go to press between the H. K. C. C. (Civilian XI) and H. M. S. *Tamar*. The *Tamar* went in first and were all out at two o'clock for 76 runs.

A match is also proceeding at Happy Valley between the Craigengower C. C. and the Civil Service C. C.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

THE SHU ON S.S. "KWONG CHOW."

SPEED TRIAL TRIP.

Yesterday morning a number of guests were invited on board the S.S. *Kwong Chow* to inspect the vessel and witness her speed trial. At ten o'clock special launches conveyed visitors, residing on the Hongkong side, off to the steamer. Included in the assembly were: the two Misses and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. and Miss Logan, Mrs. Grover, Captains Grover (surveyor), Walker, and Messrs. Chau Siu Ki, Mumford (Lloyds), Chiu U Tin, C. K. (Government surveyor), Orchard (Government surveyor), Liao Taz San, Wei On, Wei Wing Hong, Yeung Kin Cho, Parlane, Kwan Fang Kok, Ku Fai Shan, Ip Lau Chun, Galbraith, Chau Yam Kin, Chau Sing Tong, Yung Chuk Ting, Chan Lui Chiu, Leung Ngo Sang, Yeung Pui Shan, Wang Tui Chow, Ip Wah Kwai, Logan (Dock Co.), A. Roger, Kwan Chi Ngan, Fok Too Kai, Chiu Chow Sam, Chiu Ping Nam, Fung Heung Chun, Ku Kar Nam, Pun Sing Chi, Fok Lai Wing, Ku Kee Yau, Li Shan Hin and others.

The vessel slipped her moorings and proceeded on her trials, between the Channel and Kowloon Rocks, shortly after eleven o'clock. In all respects the test was satisfactory, the engines and steering gear worked smoothly, the ship was quick to answer her helm, and the vibration was hardly perceptible though the vessel was without ballast. On the first measured course she made 11 knots, and on the second and third trials 11.4 knots was attained, thus giving a mean speed of 11.2 knots. The revolutions were 120 per minute, steam pressure 170 lbs to the square inch and vacuum 25 ins.

After this test was over the "mud boat" was dropped and the company proceeded to do justice to an excellent tiffin, catered by Mr. Farmer, King Edward Hotel, in the spacious forward upper deck saloon. When all glasses were charged Mr. W. S. Bailey rose from his seat and said:—Ladies and gentlemen, the steamer *Kwong Chow* having completed her official trials to the satisfaction of the owners, I have much pleasure in saying a few words upon this occasion. It seems but yesterday that our friend Mr. Chau Siu Ki approached us with a request for this vessel, evidently with grave doubts as to our ability to build, but here the vessel floats today to the entire satisfaction of her owners, and we are glad to feel that we merited the confidence which they placed in us by giving us a young firm, so large an order. The owners were very clear as to their requirements. We were to build a vessel 100 feet long, to attain a speed of ten knots, while carrying a thousand passengers and 350 tons deadweight cargo. On going into the matter we found to ensure the speed under these conditions machinery of an improved type to that commonly used would be necessary and this we have fitted and without extra charge, with the result that 11 knots have been attained. At the beginning we decided that the question of profit should be a secondary one, our chief aim being to give entire satisfaction to the owners by turning out a vessel which would be even more than satisfactory; we have spared no expense to attain this end, and we have our reward to-day in the appreciation of our work expressed by the owners. It has been said that the pleasure of life consists not in the making of money, but in the accomplishment of what may be termed "satisfactions," namely, the attainment of those ends upon which we set our hearts. We made up our minds to turn out a thoroughly satisfactory job regardless of cost, and we are to-day better rewarded by the knowledge of success, and by the owners' appreciation, than if we had aimed only at making a large profit out of the work. Our relations with the owners have throughout been of the most cordial nature. Mr. Chau Siu Ki and his fellow-directors have taken the keenest interest in the design and construction of this vessel, and they have assisted us in every way. I wish to express, on behalf of my partner and myself, our high appreciation of the confidence and assistance given us by the directors of this Company, and I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to join me in drinking a bumper to the success of the good ship *Kwong Chow*, coupling the toast with the name of Mr. Chau Siu Ki. (Applause.)

Mr. Chau Siu Ki (the Chairman of the Shu On S. S. Co.) said:—Ladies and gentlemen, before I respond to the toast proposed by Mr. Bailey for the success of the steamer *Kwong Chow*, allow me to thank you for the honour you have paid us in being present here to-day; an honour which, I need hardly say, is exceedingly gratifying both to the directors of the Shu On Steamship Co. and to myself. Speaking on behalf of the Company, I am pleased to be able to state that the *Kwong Chow* has been constructed and equipped to our entire satisfaction by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. I am assured that the speed attained at her trial to-day is a very satisfactory one. The *Kwong Chow* is the largest steel vessel that has yet been launched in this Colony, and we feel very much indebted to Messrs. Bailey & Murphy for the thorough manner in which they have carried out the work. The Company are determined to do their utmost to provide for the comfort of the passengers and I feel confident that the captain and the officers of the vessel will heartily co-operate with the directors to attain that end. The trade between Hongkong and Canton is increasing to such an extent that I hope this new addition will be welcomed by those merchants immediately connected with this important portion of Hongkong's commerce. (Applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, I will now ask you to kindly join me in drinking heartily to the success and prosperity of the builders, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., coupled with the name of Mr. E. O. Murphy. (Applause.)

Mr. E. O. Murphy, in responding, said he could not help but think the happiest moment in a shipbuilder's life was when he saw results crowned with success. He made reference to "that question of the dollar and labour troubles," and afterwards thanked the many friends, who in a busy place like Hongkong, had doubtless left their offices at considerable inconvenience to attend the trial trip. He therefore had much pleasure in toasting Mr. Mumford and visitors.

Mr. Mumford responded suitably and afterwards Captain Tom Austin, R.N.R., was toasted. The popular skipper made one of his characteristic speeches in reply, prefacing his observations by humorously apologizing for his loud voice which he attributed to the fact that most of his time had been spent in sailing vessels where good lungs were required when a man had to speak to a sailor on a top-gallant yard in a gale of wind. He spoke in the highest terms of appreciation of the liberality of the owners of the new ship.

After the caterer was toasted the paus of the forward capstan began to clank as the windlass hove the anchor cable into the chain locker, and before long the good ship *Kwong Chow* was on her maiden voyage across the harbour to the Shu On Steamship Company's wharf where, looking from the deck of the steamer, she was received by simply a sea of heads while a royal salute of crackers announced her arrival.

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COTTAM & CO. FOR WASHINGTON BOW TIES.

Mr. E. O. Murphy, in responding, said he could not help but think the happiest moment in a shipbuilder's life was when he saw results crowned with success. He made reference to "that question of the dollar and labour troubles," and afterwards thanked the many friends, who in a busy place like Hongkong, had doubtless left their offices at considerable inconvenience to attend the trial trip. He therefore had much pleasure in toasting Mr. Mumford and visitors.

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MISS JANET WALDORF'S DRAMATIC O.

The final production of *Sherlock Holmes* was witnessed last evening by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, Lady Blake, Miss Blake, Sir H. S. Berkeley and Capt. Arbutnot, and a large and appreciative audience. The piece went very smoothly and at the close of each act there was a call for the principals. The *Wrong Mr. Wright*, one of J. H. Broadhurst's funniest farces, will be played to-night. If the London hall-mark is required in Hongkong this piece would prove a big draw for it played a record season in the big metropolis. The *Wrong Mr. Wright* lays claim to only one mission—to amuse. We therefore look forward to a hearty laugh.

THE STABBING CASE.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the police court, this morning, Sergeant Frederick Hodson of U. S. S. *Kentucky*, was charged on remand with stabbing Private Edward Lorne of the U. S. S. *New Orleans*. The defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Norman Ferrers. American Naval Officers were watching the case on behalf of both vessels. After a long hearing His Worship found the prisoner guilty and sentenced him to three weeks. Mr. Ferrers asked for the prisoner's release on a fine to be substituted for imprisonment as the ship was leaving for Manila on Monday. An officer from the *Kentucky* promised if the magistrate complied with the request the man would be punished on board ship. Mr. Kemp told him he had better apply to the Colonial Secretary.

MORE PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

THREE MEN KILLED.

From Chinese sources we learn that on the night of the 10th inst. whilst a junk, laden with Chinese New Year goods, and carrying a large number of passengers, was on its way from Canton to Siu Lam, the crew saw another junk lying near the shore carrying a lantern signifying she was in distress. The junk immediately went alongside and just as the captain and crew were making preparations to render assistance they were met with a volley of rifle-fire. At the same time light snake boats started out from among the rushes, and boarded the junk. A hand to hand conflict took place, with the result that when the captain saw that three of his crew were slain, and many wounded, he very reluctantly had to surrender. The pirates, after gagging the crew and battered the passengers down in the main hatch, ransacked the place, and got away with over six thousand taels of goods and money. The passengers' baggage was also ransacked.

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TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

BANK shares are firm, with sales at \$655 and \$657.50 but there are none to be had at the latter rate. HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOATS have changed hands at \$36.50. INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION shares are depressed, and there are sellers at \$87, but no buyers. CHINA SUGAR REFINERY sales effected at \$84.50 to \$85. There are still sellers of HONGKONG DOCK at \$215, but no response from buyers. WEST POINT BUILDING COS. are in strong demand, and are wanted at \$55. HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COS. are slightly weaker; small sales at \$12.25. WATKINS and POWELLS have been done at \$7.50 and \$9.50, respectively. Again sales have been effected in HONGKONG LANDS \$185, and there are buyers but no sellers at that rate.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their weekly share report, dated 12th inst., state:—Business has been unusually quiet and no movement of any importance has taken place. The market for Hongkong and Shanghai Banks has been very steady throughout the week, with a strong inclination to buy, which has resulted in a further improvement in the rate, while, on the other hand, Indo-Chinas show a heavy decline on the previous quotation.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have continued to advance and shares can be placed at \$55. The London quotation is at £62. Nationals are to be had at \$27. Marine Insurances.—Unions have been fixed at \$160, and are still wanted. Traders may be procured at \$58. Cantons are weak and sellers predominate at \$167.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are offering at \$345. China Fires have been disposed of at the reduced rate of \$84; the closing quotation is \$85 sellers.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats, after sales at \$37, have fallen to \$36 at which price shares are now offering. Indo-Chinas were in fairly strong request in the early part of the week; but owing to shares offering freely from the North, the market took a sudden turn and rapidly receded to \$88 at which rate there are probable sellers. China and Manilas are quiet at quotation. Douglas Steamships have again changed hands and are still procurable at \$41. Star Ferries have been dealt in at \$23 and \$13 for the old and new shares respectively. Shanghai Tugs are reported sold at Tls. 290. Both Cargo Boats are wanted at Tls. 145. We hear that a scheme is on foot to amalgamate the two Companies.

Nuteries.—China Sugars have changed ownership at \$85; and \$85 at which latter rate there are further sellers. Luzons are quoted at \$123. Mining.—Punjoms continue steady at \$23 buyers, and Raubs at 64. Jebeus are to be had at \$14. Chinese Engineerings have inquiries at Tls. 74.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been somewhat in strong demand at \$115, but are slightly easier towards the close. At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 8th inst., the Directors' proposal for the construction of a new dock (which was never seconded) was emphatically rejected. Farnhams are wanted at Tls. 190. Kowloon Wharfs have been sold at \$38. Hongkong Wharfs have again been done in Shanghai at Tls. 307.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have improved in value and, after sales at \$134, are inquired for at \$135. Hongkong Hotels have again been negotiated at \$141. Astor House Hotel have changed hands at \$321. Hotel des Colonies are in request at Tls. 168. Humphreys Estates are without business and can be bought at \$124. Further sales of China Providents at \$93 have taken place and more shares are inquired for.

Cotton Mills.—Most stocks under this heading have advanced, and there are buyers of Ewos at Tls. 42, Internationals at Tls. 41, and Laou-Kung-Mows at Tls. 42. Hongkong Cottons remain steady at \$17.

Cigar Companies.—Nothing doing.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been placed at \$20 and are now wanted at \$20. A. S. Watsons have sellers at \$143. Watkins are asked for at \$74 after having changed hands at the rate. China Locomotives are in the market at \$25. Electric have found buyers at \$13.50 for the old, and \$5.65 for the new issue. Dairy Farms are on offer at \$17, ex the dividend of 75 cents paid on the 9th inst. Universals have inquiries at \$21. William Powells have been done at \$94. Langkats are obtainable at Tls. 162.

TEMP, SUGAR AND RICE.

The following items are extracted from Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co.'s weekly circular, dated Manila, 29th ult.:

TEMP.

The market continued weak with a declining tendency, and prices have receded about 23 during the fortnight. The dollar value, however, has not been so materially affected owing to the further decline in exchange. Dealers have come to recognize the disparity between their and buyers' ideas, and have consequently been able to dispose of part of their holdings. As we close, there is a slightly better feeling in the market, with buyers and no sellers of Fair Current at \$23.50 per picul, equal, at exchange 1/61 to 1/34.5; 3 per ton f.o.b.

SUGAR.

Manila.—Nominal, nothing offering for export.

Taal.—No crop.

Illoilo.—With the fall in exchange, currency prices have gone up, and there have been some small transactions in old crop on the basis of \$1.50 per picul, for usual assorted 8 lbs, which is equal, at 64 exchange, to 26.28 per ton.

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS' RATHING GEAR.

C. C. B. Nothing is doing yet in new crop dealers being disinclined to contract forward. Weather continues good and it is expected there will be fair arrivals by the end of December. The cholera is fast disappearing.

RICE.

Saigon, advise that supplies of paddy continue arriving which weaken the market. Locally the demand is insignificant as provinces in view of the impending famine, stocked themselves with supplies to last for some little time. We do not anticipate any material decline owing to the enhanced cost of local stocks. We quote 2nd Saigon at \$6.50 per picul f.o.b. Estimates differ regarding the coming native crop, but the consensus of opinion is that the harvest will be much less than last season.

OPPIA QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 13th December.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

	Per chest.
MALWA NEW	@ \$ 990/1,030
OLD	@ 1,060/1,090
PATNA NEW	@ 990
OLD	@ 990
BENARES NEW	@ 985
PERSIAN (PAPER)	@ 700/750

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of December, 1902, at 12 N. O. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJUNCTION SPECIAL RESOLUTION—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Whealey be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
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Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 15th inst., at Noon.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [1361d]

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Water Supply—We know the supply is limited, but tears flow from laughter and there will be an abundant flow at the *Wrong Mr. Wright*.

N.B.—We do not guarantee to restore buttons burst off with laughter.

Box plan now on view at ROBINSON'S.

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